



California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

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In reply refer to:
656901:oosibodu

Subject: Approval of the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health's Local Agency Management Plan

Mr. McPherson:

This letter serves to inform you that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed and approved the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health's (County DEH) *Local Agency Management Program for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (LAMP)*, which was received by the San Diego Water Board on March 3, 2015. The LAMP contains the criteria to be used by the County DEH for siting, design, and permitting of onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS). With the San Diego Water Board's approval of the LAMP, the County DEH is authorized to regulate OWTS with projected wastewater flows up to 10,000 gallons per day (gpd) under the LAMP.¹ OWTS with projected flows above 10,000 gpd will need to obtain waste discharge requirements from the San Diego Water Board prior to discharge.

The LAMP was prepared by the County DEH pursuant to sections 3 and 9 of the State *Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy)*. The San Diego Water Board provided an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft LAMP, however, no public comments were received.

Please note the County DEH is required to submit reports annually to the San Diego Water Board as specified in sections 3.3 and 9.3.3 of the OWTS Policy. Pursuant to section 9.3.3 of the OWTS Policy, the County DEH is required to submit an evaluation of its monitoring program every five years. The evaluation shall also include an assessment of whether water quality is being impacted by OWTS, and must also identify any changes in the LAMP that will be undertaken to address impacts from OWTS. The San Diego Water Board will evaluate effectiveness of the County DEH's LAMP in protecting water quality after five years and may require modifications to the LAMP.

¹ Pursuant to Tier 2 of the State Water Board, Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/docs/owts_policy.pdf

Please submit all future reports to the San Diego Water Board by email.² The email submittal of reporting information must include a signed cover/transmittal letter (with your agency's name and contact information), and must be sent via email to SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov.

Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disc and mailed to the San Diego Water Board. For more extensive information provided in Reports of Waste Discharge, and other large documents; the San Diego Water Board staff may request that specific individual items such as appendices to large/complex technical reports, large drawings, and large maps continue to be provided in paper format. If you have any specific questions about email submittal procedures please contact our Mission Support Unit staff, Ms. Cleo Munoz at 619-521-3384 or Cleo.Munoz@waterboards.ca.gov.

In the subject line of any response, please include reference code **656901:oosibodu**. Please contact Mr. Fisayo Osibodu at (619) 521-8036, or at Olufisayo.Osibodu@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,



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² See public notification on electronic reporting on-line at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/docs/Electronic_Reporting_Sept2014.pdf